Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal and Rajasthan are proposed for declaration as National Highways.

(c) No, Sir. Since, this is a State Highway and the Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

By-passes for National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

606. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct by-passes for National Highways in Andhra Pradesh to reduce congestion on the highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposals of the State Government in this regard is pending with the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Construction of two by-passes at Pithapuram and Tallarevu on National Highway No. 214 is proposed. Besides, feasibility study of Madanapalli by-pass on National Highway 219 and land acquisition of by-passes at Mummadivaram and Bhimavaram on NH-214 are included in the Annual Plan for 2001-02.

(c) Estimates for construction of Pithapuram and Tallarevu by-passes and alignment plan of Madanapalli by-pass have been received from the State PWD.

Road Projects in Orissa

607. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major road projects approved for Orissa and the quantum of money sanctioned for each such project;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank assistance is not forthcoming for road construction in the State; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Details are given in Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) A World Bank aided project of 4-lanning of Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Jagatpur section of NH-5 covering a length of 27.8 Km. has been recently completed at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 275.13 crores. For the present, there is no proposal for any other World Bank aided project on National Highway in the State.

Statement

Regarding Road Projects in Orissa

S.No	Name of the work (In progress)	Tender cost. (Rs. incrores)
	lour Lanning of following Section (S.No.l to 8)	
1.	Balasore-Laxmannath (0/0 Km. to 52.4 Km.) NH-60	257.93
i	Km. 233 to Km. 283 under Package OR-VIII of NH-5	175.43
3.	Km. 284 to Km. 338 under Package OR-VII of NH-5	163.216
4.	Km. 338 to Km. 388 under Package OR-VI of NH-5	149.50
5.	Khurda (Km. 388) to Bhubancshwar (Km.414) of NH-5	118.90
6.	Jagatpur-Chandikhol(27.8 Km.-6I Km.) of NH-5	105.61
7.	Chandikhol-Bhadrak (61 Km.-136.5 Km.) of NH-5	283.93
8.	Bhadrak to Balasore(136.5 Km.-199-I4l Km.)ofNH-5	195.19
9.	Construction of Samakoi bridge on missing HnkofNH-23	8.74 (Sanctioned cost)
10.	Strengthening of NH-6 from Km. 456/0 to Km. 471/0	6.28 (Sanctioned cost)